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## Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2-6-04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Byrne (U.S. Patent Number 5,737,703).

*Regarding claims 1, 3-5,10*, Byrne essentially discloses all of the claimed invention as set forth in the instant application, additionally Byrne discloses multi-mode radio telephone which executes handover between different system. Byrne further discloses a system for selectively answering a telephone from a remote location, said system comprising: a stationary unit (116) connectable in line with a telephone line extending to said telephone (117), said stationary unit (116) including a ring detector circuit for activating said system upon detecting a ringing signal received over said telephone line (which reads on column 6 lines 1-9), a first antenna (228) with transmitter-receiver, a switching circuit (which reads on selector 805) for seizing said telephone line, and an enclosure for substantially housing said ring detector circuit, said first antenna (228) with transmitter-receiver, and said switching circuit; and a portable unit including a second antenna (238) with transmitter-receiver for establishing electromagnetic communication with said first antenna, an activatable switch (which reads on selector 805) for selectively triggering seizure of said telephone line in response to any said ringing signal that is detected, a microphone for transmitting verbal communications over said telephone line

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whenever said telephone line is seized, and a casing for substantially housing said second antenna with transmitter-receiver, said activatable switch (260), and said microphone (which reads on column 6 lines 44-67 and column 7 lines 1-50 and exhibited in figures 1-8).

***Regarding claims 2***, Byrne discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Byrne discloses a stationary unit is structured for being connected in line with a telephone line cord selected from the group consisting of a base cord, a line cord, and a mounting cord (which reads on column 2 lines 25-40).

***Regarding claim 6***, Byrne discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Byrne discloses a switching circuit includes at least one relay (which reads on column 2 lines 25-40).

***Regarding claim 7***, Byrne discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Byrne discloses a portable unit is cordless and structured for both retaining a self-contained power source and drawing electrical power therefrom (which reads on column 2 lines 25-40).

***Regarding claim 8***, Byrne discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Byrne discloses a self-contained power source is a battery (which reads on column 2 lines 25-40).

***Regarding claim 9***, Byrne discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Byrne discloses a portable unit includes a test circuit having a light-emitting diode for visibly indicating the existence of an electrical charge between the terminals of said battery (which reads on column 2 lines 25-40).

**Regarding claim 11**, Byrne discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Byrne discloses a portable unit includes a speaker for receiving audible communications from a caller over said telephone line whenever said telephone line is seized (which reads on column 2 lines 25-40).

**Regarding claim 12**, Byrne discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Byrne discloses a transmitter-receiver associated with said first and second antennas is a transceiver (which reads on column 2 lines 25-40).

**Regarding claim 13**, Byrne discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Byrne discloses a electromagnetic communication is established via electromagnetic waves having frequencies encompassed within the radio frequency spectrum (which reads on column 2 lines 25-40).

**Regarding claim 14**, Byrne discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Byrne discloses a activatable switch is a push-button type switch (which reads on column 2 lines 25-40).

2. Claims 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Byrne in view of Mizikovsky (U.S. Patent Number 5,559,860).

**Regarding claim 15**, Byrne discloses a system for selectively answering a telephone from a remote location, said system comprising: a stationary unit connectable in line with a telephone line extending to said telephone, said stationary unit including a ring detector circuit for activating said system upon detecting a ringing signal received over said telephone line (which reads on column 6 lines 1-9), signals received over said telephone line, a first antenna with

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transmitter-receiver, a switching circuit (which reads on 805) for seizing said telephone line, and an enclosure for substantially housing said ring detector circuit, said first antenna (228) with transmitter-receiver, and said switching circuit; and a portable unit including a second antenna (238) with transmitter-receiver for establishing electromagnetic communication with said first antenna, an activatable switch (which reads on 805) for selectively triggering seizure of said telephone line in response to any said ringing signal that is detected, a microphone for transmitting verbal communications over said telephone line whenever said telephone line is seized (which reads on column 5 lines 25-50), and a casing for substantially housing said second antenna with transmitter-receiver, said viewable display, said activatable switch, and said microphone (which reads on column 5 lines 25-50). However Byrne fails to disclose a caller ID data signal processing circuit.

In the same field of endeavor, Mizikovsky discloses a user selectable response to an incoming call at a mobile station. Mizikovsky further discloses a caller ID data signal processing circuit as disclosed in column 6 lines 7-15 and exhibited in figure 1.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve Byrne by modifying a multi-mode radio telephone which executes handover between different system with a caller ID data signal processing circuit as taught by Mizikovsky for the purpose of advising the user of incoming information.

**Regarding claim 16**, Byrne discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Byrne discloses a viewable display is a liquid-crystal type display (which reads on column 2 lines 25-40).

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3. Claims 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Byrne in view of Tendler (U.S. Patent Number 5,598,460).

*Regarding claims 17,18,20*, Byrne discloses a system for selectively answering a telephone from a remote location, said system comprising: a stationary unit connectable in line with a telephone line extending to said telephone, said stationary unit including a ring detector circuit for activating said system upon detecting a ringing signal received over said telephone line, a first antenna with transmitter-receiver, a switching circuit for seizing said telephone line, , and an enclosure for substantially housing said ring detector circuit, said first antenna with transmitter-receiver, said switching circuit; and a portable unit including a second antenna with transmitter-receiver for establishing electromagnetic communication with said first antenna, a first activatable switch for selectively triggering seizure of said telephone line in response to any said ringing signal that is detected, a second activatable switch for selectively triggering seizure of said telephone line in the event of a perceived emergency, a microphone for transmitting verbal communications over said telephone line whenever said telephone line is seized, and a casing for substantially housing said second antenna with transmitter-receiver, said first activatable switch, said second activatable switch, and said microphone. However Byrne fails to disclose a autodialer.

In the same field of endeavor, Tendler discloses a emergency backup system for enhancing reliability or rescue. Tendler further discloses a autodialer (50) as disclosed in column 3 lines 47-65 and exhibited in figure 2.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve Byrne by modifying a multi-mode radio telephone which

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executes handover between different system with a autodialer as taught by Tendler for the purpose of ensuring the initiator of the emergency call that help is on the way.

***Regarding claim 19***, Byrne discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Byrne discloses a first activatable switch and said second activatable switch is a push-button type switch (which reads on column 2 lines 25-40).




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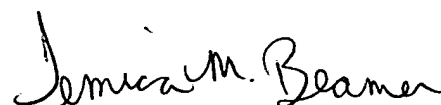
***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheila B. Smith whose telephone number is (571)272-7847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am - 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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